

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Original claims 1-6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (new): A liquid storage container comprising:
a container body having a liquid storage portion for containing liquid therein; and
an instilling portion for allowing the liquid to flow out in an opened stage,
wherein the container body includes an aerating device provided at the bottom
thereof and having a filter element and a check valve for allowing ambient air to flow in from the
outside and preventing the liquid from flowing out.

Claim 8 (new): The liquid storage container as defined in claim 7, wherein
the aerating device has a receiving portion contacting a floor surface and supporting the container
body.

Claim 9 (new): The liquid storage container as defined in claim 7, wherein
a bottom cap is provided for covering the aerating device.

Claim 10 (new): The liquid storage container as defined in claim 8, wherein
the bottom cap is provided for covering the aerating device.

Claim 11 (new): The liquid storage container as defined in claim 9, wherein
the bottom cap is formed integrally with the container body to be separable from the container
body.

Claim 12 (new): The liquid storage container as defined in claim 10, wherein the bottom cap is formed integrally with the container body to be separable from the container body.

Claim 13 (new): The liquid storage container as defined in claim 7, wherein the check valve has a duck-bill type construction including a pair of plate-shaped portions contactable with each other at end portions thereof, and is closed when the pair of plate-shaped portions contact each other at the end portions thereof or opened when the pair of plate-shaped portions are moved away from each other at the end portions thereof.

Claim 14 (new): The liquid storage container as defined in claim 8, wherein the check valve has a duck-bill type construction including a pair of plate-shaped portions contactable with each other at end portions thereof, and is closed when the pair of plate-shaped portions contact each other at the end portions thereof or opened when the pair of plate-shaped portions are moved away from each other at the end portions thereof.

Claim 15 (new): The liquid storage container as defined in claim 7, further comprising a cap attachable to the container body and including an opening member for opening the instilling portion in an unopened stage and a valve member for allowing the liquid to flow out and preventing ambient air from flowing into the container.

Claim 16 (new): The liquid storage container as defined in claim 8, further comprising a cap attachable to the container body and including an opening member for opening the instilling portion in an unopened stage and a valve member for allowing the liquid to flow out and preventing ambient air from flowing into the container.